

Surf Pines Breeze



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Members Elect Directors, Amend Bylaws, and Approve Budget at Annual Meeting



During the Annual Meeting of the Surf Pines Association on August 5, 2006, at the Astoria Golf and Country Club, the membership:

- Reelected Patrick Kelley and elected Bob McWhirter as directors
- Amended the bylaws to preserve the current character of Surf Pines by retaining current Clatsop County restrictions applicable to Surf Pines, notwithstanding Measure 37
- Amended the bylaws to increase the penalty for a delinquent payment to cover the cost of collection
- Approved an annual budget for fiscal year 2006-2007, including total income of \$157,575, total operating expenses of \$186,200, and an ending carry over of \$93,096.

For a report on the Annual Meeting, see pages 4-5.

Feast at Oktoberfest: October 14, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Grange Hall



by Norma Keever

Oktoberfest, a relatively new social event for Surf Pines, is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2006, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Pacific Grange Hall on Highway 101 just south of the Country Club and just north of the exit for Cullaby Lake.

The Community Relations Committee will provide the sausages, buns, sauerkraut, sauces, and seasonings, plus hot spiced cider. Attendees are asked to provide either a salad, a side dish, or a dessert. (Anyone for strudel?) Attendees who prefer adult beverages are asked to provide their own.

Join your friends and neighbors for good food and good company at this friendly neighborhood social. And bring the kids. Oktoberfest is family fun for all.

Editors' note: Norma Keever chairs the Community Relations Committee.



Quick News

Attend Monthly Board Meetings

The monthly meetings of the Board of Directors—open to all members of the association—are usually held on the third Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in Surf Pines at the new meeting house (formerly known as the old gatehouse). “Comments from the Membership” is always toward the top of the agenda.

On the weekend before a meeting, the agenda is available at the gatehouse and on the Surf Pines Web site. Soon after a meeting, the minutes are available on the Web at www.surfpines.org.

Attend to business by either attending the meetings or reading the minutes.

Volunteer for a Committee

Although you do not choose to live in Surf Pines just to volunteer your time, Surf Pines depends on volunteers like you. To volunteer to work on a committee, either **Security, Roads and Grounds, or Community Relations**, contact the committee chairperson. To volunteer for work on an ad hoc committee, either **Budget or Nominations**, contact, respectively, either the treasurer or the president. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses, see page 8.)

Note Procedure to Contact Rocky Bauer

Instead of being available in the office during fixed office hours, Rocky Bauer, the security/maintenance manager, is available on call. If you need to speak with Rocky, then either call him at (503) 738-0637 or stop by the office whenever the “Open” sign is posted.

Expect Fire Season to Continue

As the *Breeze* went to press, a spokesperson for the Oregon Department of Forestry reported that the fire season continues in Clatsop County. Burning is prohibited during fire season, which usually extends from July through October, but varies from year to year depending on the weather. For current information on fire season, call the local office of the Department of Forestry at 325-5451. When burning is permitted—and before you burn—see “Fire and Smoke” in your copy of the *Surf Pines Association Owners’ Information Guide*, 2006-2007, page 10, for guidelines on burning small amounts of debris and the policy on disposing of large amounts of debris.

Receive a Tsunami Watch or Warning

A limited number of special radio receivers that alert you to a tsunami watch or warning are available from the office at a special price of \$55 for members. With demand more or less satisfied, the association is unlikely to restock these radio receivers after the remaining few are sold. Last call.... (No cash, please. Either pay by check or ask the association to bill you.)

Warning: Either Observe Speed Limit or Pay Assessment

The posted speed limit on the roads of Surf Pines is 25 miles per hour. Deputy sheriffs use radar to check speed. If drivers exceed the posted speed limit, then assessments may be levied against the drivers according to this schedule of fees currently in use by Oregon courts:

| MPH in Excess of Posted Speed | Assessment |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1-10 | \$94 |
| 11-20 | \$141 |
| 21-30 | \$237 |
| Over 30 | \$421 |

Show these assessments to all of the drivers in your family and tell them who will pay any assessments.



Quick News (Continued)

Report Hunting in Surf Pines



Hunting is prohibited in Surf Pines.

As hunting season approaches, remember that hunting of any kind is prohibited in Surf Pines. Any hunting should be reported to Rocky Bauer (738-0637), who reports the hunting, in

turn, to Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Security Committee. Do not confront a hunter. Do not endanger yourself. But do get as complete a description as possible of the hunter and the occurrence of hunting, including time and place.

Place Political Signs Only on Private Property

As election day approaches, note that, according to county regulations, signs, including political signs, are to be placed only on private property, **not on the Surf Pines Association's right-of-way along the roads of Surf Pines**. The association does not participate in any political campaign, as stated in its articles of incorporation, and political signs are not to be placed on its right-of-way.

Check Your Listing in the New *Directory*

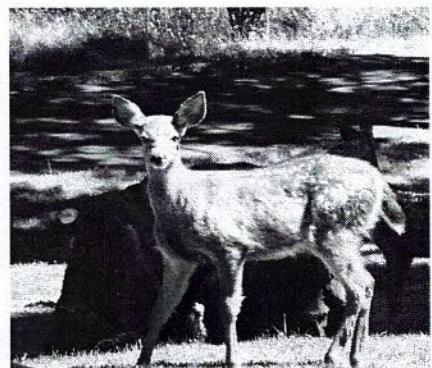
Check your listing in your copy of the new *Surf Pines Association Directory, 2006-2007*. Because members' names change, telephone numbers change, and snail-mail and e-mail addresses change, providing an accurate *Directory* is a challenge. If your listing in the new edition is inaccurate, then contact Bill Barrons with the correction. (See Bill's telephone number and addresses on page 8.)

Shop Surf Pines

Shoppers shopped 'til they dropped during the Annual Surf Pines Garage Sale on Saturday, July 1, 2006. Katie Weber, the member of the Community Relations Committee who manages the event, reports that at least 27 garages all over Surf Pines were open for business and that sales were in 4 figures at some of the garages where big-ticket items were sold.

Remember That Dues Are Due

Bill Barrons, Administrator, reminds that dues, which are billed in arrears, are due by the end of the month in which you receive a statement and are delinquent thereafter. For example, a statement dated October 1, 2006, which is for dues during July, August, and September, is due by October 31 and is delinquent thereafter. With the passage of an amendment to the bylaws at the Annual Meeting, the penalty for delinquent payment of dues increased from \$10 per quarter, an amount that does not cover the cost of collection, to \$15 per month.



Brake for fawns on the roads of Surf Pines.

Meet with the Sunset Lake Community Association

The Sunset Lake Community Association, which is devoted to saving the lake, meets regularly on the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Pacific Grange Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14. If you live either on the lake or near it (or if you enjoy the lake no matter where you live), then you are welcome to attend these meetings. For more information about the Sunset Lake Community Association and its work, contact Robin Rhodes at either robinrds@msn.com or 738-5208.



Report on the Annual Meeting

by Patrick Kelley

Approximately 110 members participated in the Annual Meeting with 75 present in person and 35 more present by proxy. President Don Kruger highlighted the Surf Pines Association's significant accomplishments during the past fiscal year. Members elected directors, amended the bylaws, and approved a budget.

President Highlights Accomplishments

In the President's Report, Don Kruger highlighted the association's significant accomplishments during the past fiscal year, commenting briefly on each accomplishment:

- Beginning renovation of the old gatehouse to provide a new meeting house in Surf Pines
- Hiring a new security/maintenance manager, J. Rock Bauer, for Surf Pines
- Sponsoring a crime-prevention workshop presented by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Department
- Limiting hunting on the west side of U.S. Highway 101 near Surf Pines
- Executing the "Surf Pines Pavement Management Plan"
- Preventing flooding on the roads of Surf Pines
- Sponsoring social events to promote positive community relations within Surf Pines
- Providing new editions of the *Directory* and the *Owners' Information Guide*

Members Elect Directors

Two directors were to be elected to replace Patrick Kelley and Tom Wilcox, whose terms were expiring. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Al Beck and including Burr Allegaert and Bonnie Rogie, nominated three candidates for the two open positions on the board: Norma Keever, Patrick Kelley, and Bob McWhirter. With no additional candidates nominated from the floor, the membership voted as follows:

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| Patrick Kelley | 73 |
| Bob McWhirter | 69 |
| Norma Keever | 48 |

Members reelected Patrick Kelley and elected Bob McWhirter to the Board of Directors.

Members Amend Bylaws

Members considered two proposed amendments to the bylaws.

The purpose of one amendment is to preserve the current character of Surf Pines by retaining current Clatsop County restrictions applicable to Surf Pines, notwithstanding Measure 37. The amendment emphasizes preserving the ocean and forest views, the open yards, and the low density that currently characterize Surf Pines. Members' discussion of the amendment focused on clarification of terminology, such as the term *setback line*. After discussion, members approved this amendment by a vote of 83 to 15.



Report on the Annual Meeting (Continued)

The purpose of the other amendment is to provide a member who is slow to pay dues and any fees with an incentive to pay as promptly as his or her neighbors pay. The amendment increases the penalty for delinquent payment of dues from \$10 per quarter, an amount that does not cover the cost of collection, to \$15 per month. It also applies a monthly penalty of either \$15 or 5% of the unpaid amount, whichever is larger, for delinquent payment of a gate fee, a development fee, and a road-impact fee. Members' discussion of the amendment focused on whether the monthly penalty should be set even higher than \$15. After discussion, members approved this amendment by a vote of 93 to 5.

Members Approve Budget

The Budget Committee, chaired by Tom Wilcox and including Gene Bourquein, Bob Gazewood, Norma Keever, Don Kruger, Bob McWhirter, Bonnie Rogie, and Ken Weber, recommended to the board and the board, in turn, recommended to the membership an annual budget for fiscal year 2006-2007. The budget includes total income of \$157,575, total operating expenses of \$186,200, and an ending carry over of \$93,096. Although operating expenses exceed total income in the budget primarily because of \$25,000 budgeted for renovating the old gatehouse into the new meeting house, the Budget Committee and the board cited the projected ending carry over of \$93,096 as indicative of the fact that the association can afford to provide its members with an inexpensive meeting house in Surf Pines. With little discussion, members approved the budget by a vote of 92 to 4.

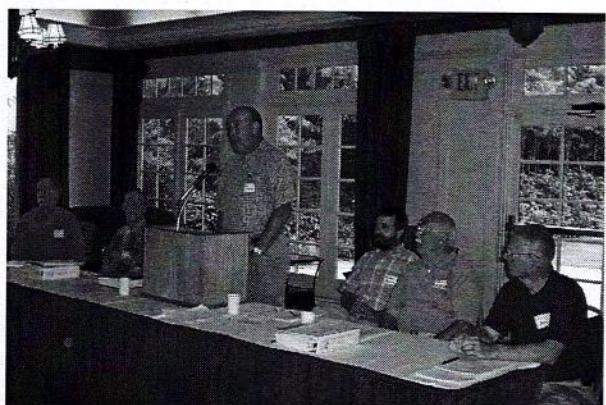
For more detailed minutes of the Annual Meeting, see the Surf Pines Web site: www.surfpines.org

Editors' note: Patrick Kelley serves as the corporate secretary.



Robin, Nancy, Katie, and Kaye helped members register for the meeting.

The directors presented their annual reports.



Members elected directors, discussed the bylaws and the budget, amended the bylaws, and approved the budget.



After Amending the Bylaws, What Changes Can Members Expect?



An amendment of bylaws represents a change. What changes can members of the Surf Pines Association expect after amending the bylaws at the recent Annual Meeting?

One amendment increases the penalty for delinquent payment of dues from \$10 per quarter to \$15 per month. For example, if a dues statement dated October 1, 2006, is not paid by October 31, then the dues are delinquent and a penalty of \$15 per month is added to the amount that is owed.

Similarly, this amendment sets the penalty for delinquent payment of any fees and assessments at either \$15 per month or 5% of the unpaid balance, whichever is higher. As examples, if a gate fee of \$225 is delinquent, then a penalty of \$15 per month is added to the amount owed, and if a development fee of \$1000 is delinquent, then a penalty of 5% (\$50) per month is added to the amount owed.

For the huge majority of members who pay their dues and any fees and assessments in a timely manner, nothing changes as a result of this amendment because these members pay no penalties. For the tiny minority who are slow to pay, however, this amendment provides an incentive to pay as promptly as their neighbors pay.

The other amendment preserves the current character of Surf Pines by retaining current Clatsop County restrictions applicable to Surf Pines, notwithstanding Measure 37. In other words, the amendment adds to the bylaws key county restrictions regarding the ocean-front setback line, lot setback lines, maximum heights of buildings, minimum sizes of lots, and single-family-residential use so that these restrictions will still apply to development in Surf Pines even if the county were to waive them in response to a claim under Measure 37. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that nothing significant changes in the current character of Surf Pines—to ensure, for example, that when members look toward the ocean years from now, they will still see the ocean as they see it now, instead of seeing ocean-front 10-story condominiums on little lots littering the dunes.



Location of Mailboxes Presents Solvable Problem

by Bill Barrons and Ken Weber

At a recent meeting of the Roads and Grounds Committee, issues regarding the narrow roads of Surf Pines were discussed. One solvable problem that was identified is that a few mailboxes are located too close to the edge of the pavement. These mailboxes present a problem when large vehicles that are traveling in opposite directions meet. Drivers choose between risking a collision with either an oncoming vehicle or a stationary mailbox.

The U.S. Post Office requires only that the bottom of a mailbox be approximately 38 inches above the ground and that the mailbox be close enough to the road so that the postal carrier can easily deposit mail in it. Historically, the Roads and Grounds Committee has recommended that the front of a mailbox should be a minimum of 18 inches from the edge of the pavement, a recommendation that has been published in the *Breeze* as recently as 2005. The committee asks that you check the location of your mailbox. If the front of your mailbox is less than 18 inches from the edge of the pavement, then please move the mailbox back to at least that distance to reduce the chance of an accident.

The Roads and Grounds Committee will check the location of mailboxes during the next several months. If the front of your mailbox is less than 18 inches from the edge of the pavement, then you might receive a letter asking that you move the mailbox back.

Editors' note: Bill Barrons serves as the administrator; Ken Weber chairs the Roads and Grounds Committee.



Surf Pines Social Calendar

with photos by Roger Massey and Katie Weber

With the Annual Surf Pines Garage Sale and the Annual Surf Pines Picnic in July and a wine-tasting party and the Annual Ice-Cream Social in August, the Surf Pines Social Calendar was certainly busy this summer. And the social events were certainly successful, as suggested by the accompanying photos.

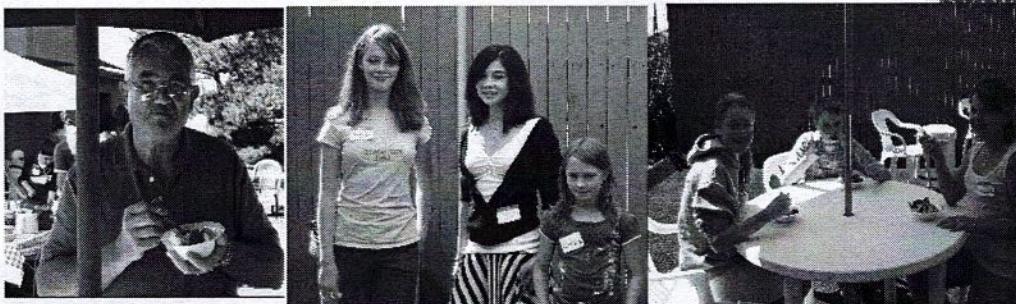
Mark your own social calendar now not only for Oktoberfest (see page 1), but also for the Annual Surf Pines Holiday Party on Saturday, December 9, 2006, at the home of Jim and Barbara Damon, 33112 Malarkey Lane.



Surf Pines residents enjoyed the July picnic.



Surf Pines residents enjoyed the ice cream social in August.



Bob Scanlan and Gay Hart welcomed Surf Pines residents to their home for a summer wine-tasting party in August.



Welcome the New Residents

Welcome these new residents to Surf Pines:

Jane Bergin & Scott Miller, 89741 Sea Breeze
Curt & Darrelyn Holzgang, 90057 Ocean Dr.
Mike & Lisa Holzgang, 90057 Ocean Dr.
Roz Kelly, 89808 Ocean Dr.

If you are a new resident (since July 1, 2006) but your name is not on this list, then contact Bill Barrons, Administrator. Contact Bill, too, about any inaccuracy in either your name or address.

Steve & Lori Stockstill, 89187 Manion Dr.
Seth & Okanna Tichenor, 90049 Manion Dr.
Chuck Waddell, 89376 Manion Dr.
Ken & Cora Ziegler, 89914 Ocean Dr.



Letter in the *Breeze*

Reported Vandalism Is a Felony

Editors:

The previous edition of the *Breeze* included an article about a member of the Surf Pines Association who reported vandalism on her property between Manion Drive and Ocean Drive. According to the article: "A number of beautiful old trees that she treasured were felled surreptitiously, apparently to improve the vandal's ocean view.... The quality of the work indicated that it was done by an amateur with a chain saw who was either working at night or in a hurry. Hiring a professional arborist to repair the damage that was done by the vandal cost the member approximately \$1600."

In this case, the vandal should be advised that intentionally doing property damage in excess of \$750 is first degree criminal mischief, a class C felony. The vandal also should be advised that anyone who knowingly fells someone else's trees and shrubs is liable in civil court for triple damages, plus (at the discretion of the court) attorneys' fees, costs of investigation, and costs of reforestation.

Jack Faust

Editors' note: Jack Faust, a member of the Surf Pines Association, is an attorney. If you are suspicious of any work in progress with a chain saw, then report it immediately to Rocky Bauer, Security/Maintenance Manager, at 738-0637.

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